(b) Yes, Sir. Eight walled quarters, north of Salimgrah fort bridge have been handed over to the Archaeological Survey of India on 20.11.2002 by the Defence authorities.

(c) The Archaeological Survey of India and Tourism Ministry have taken up major conservajion works at a number of monuments within the Red Fort under the control of Archaeological Survey of India, landscaping and development of open areas within and outside. Illumination of fortification wall on the east and west besides providing basic tourist facilities.

Fleecing of foreign tourists

1490. SHRI VIJAY J. DANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists are being fleeced by an organized gang-hoteliers-jewellers-taxi drivers-travel agents etc. and this has adversely affected the tourism sector;

(b) if so, the number of such gangs booked so far during the last one year and how many have been actually penalized by the courts with a view to revive the confidence of prospective foreign tourists; and

(c) what were the earnings in foreign exchange from tourism during the last three years and whether it has shown any declining trend?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir, No such complaints have been received by the India tourism offices located in metropolitan cities w'z., Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkatta and Chennai etc. Several awareness programmes are being organised by the India tourism Offices for the tourist police, black and yellow taxi drivers, travel agents and tour operators and the staff of 1, 2 & 3 star hotels-stressing upon the behavioral and communication skills to provide personalised service to the touhsts.

(c) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the period January 1999 to October 2002 are as under:

Year	FE Earnings Rs. in crores	Percentage Change
1999	12951.00	-H6.6
2000	14238.00	+9.9
2001	14344.00	+0.7
2002 (Jan-Oct)	10559.41	(The whole year has yet to be completed)